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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Inducing Cellular Immune Responses to Hepatitis B Virus Using  
Peptide Compositions (as amended)**  
Inventors: SETTE *et al.*  
Our Ref: 2473.0060008/PAJ/PAC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Assertion of Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
4. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 along with Exhibit A;
5. Seventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
6. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet) listing 4 documents (US1-US4);
7. Form PTO/SB/08B (1 sheet) listing 6 documents (NPL9-NPL14);
8. Copies of documents NPL9-NPL12; and

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9. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of **\$650.00** to cover the following *small entity* fees:

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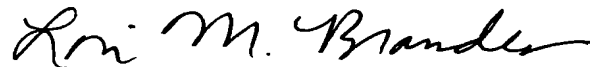
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

This application is entitled to small entity status and the same is respectfully asserted.

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